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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	
Elizabeth Bates <i>et al.</i>	:	
For Patent: Monocyte-Derived Nucleic Acids and Related Compositions and Methods	:	Examiner: Chun Crowder
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action mailed August 9, 2007. The Office Action provides a three month period for the filing of a response. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

A Request For Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being filed herewith. The Office is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 19-0365 for the RCE fee.

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